



IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of)
Guyton P. Swindell et al.)
Serial No. 10/607,646) Group Art Unit 3726
Confirmation No. 2684)
Filed June 27, 2003)
For Apparatus and Method for Taut Sheath) Alcoa Docket 02-1868 / 370021-00026
Splicing of All-Dielectric, Self-)
Supporting Fiber Optic Cable)

Petition for Extension of Time

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Commissioner for Patents
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

Per 37 CFR 136(a), Applicants petition the Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks to extend the time for response to the "Notice to File Missing Parts of Nonprovisional Application" dated September 25, 2003, for four months from November 25, 2003 to March 25, 2004.

Enclosed is a Credit Card Payment Form to cover the cost of the extension.

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Respectfully submitted,



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